

Town of Montville Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 19, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Jacobson called the special meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence in honor of our troops.

3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, Jacobson, McFee and Murphy. Also present was Mayor Jaskiewicz and Attorney Michael Carey.

4. Remarks from the Public Relating to Items on the Agenda with a three minute limit.

Mr. Gary Pike, 38 Bergman Drive, stated he hopes the Town Council decides to change direction on this matter, he thinks it should go out for vote with the tax payers of the town and hopes the town puts up as much of a fight against the sex offender facility as possible. He stated he would like the opportunity to have his voice heard regarding this matter, many people do not want this facility in their town and if the public should be made aware of all of the specifics of the project and allowed to speak regarding the facility.

5. Executive Session

a. To consider and act on a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions regarding litigation between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Montville. Discussions to include members of the Town Council, Mayor Jaskiewicz and Attorney Michael Carey.

Motion made by Councilor Beetham, seconded by Councilor Hillman, Discussion, Councilor Murphy stated for the record that he will not be going into Executive Session because he is employed by the Department of Corrections. Voice vote, 6-0-1 (Murphy). Invited parties left Chambers for Executive Session at 5:36 p.m., returning at 6:20 p.m. Chairperson Jacobson resumed the meeting and stated no formal votes were taken during Executive Session.

6. New Business

a. To consider and act on a motion to discuss and take possible action regarding the litigation between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Montville.

Motion made by Councilor Hillman, seconded by Councilor Caron to file the appeal and to designate the Mayor as the point of contact. Discussion, none, roll call vote on the amendment, 6-0, voting in favor of amending the motion were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson.

Chairman Jacobson read the amended motion as follows;

To consider and act on a motion to authorize the law firm of Suissman and Shapiro to file an appeal with the State of Connecticut and to authorize the Mayor as the designee for discussions regarding the appeal.

Motion made Councilor Beetham, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion, none, roll call vote, 5-1-1. Voting in favor were Councilors Beetham, Caron, Hillman, McFee and Jacobson. Voting in opposition was Councilor Buebendorf. Abstaining from the vote was Councilor Murphy. Motion carried.

7. Remarks from the Public

Chairperson Jacobson inquired three times if there was anyone from the public who would like to come forward to address the Council.

8. Remarks from the Mayor – none.

9. Remarks from the Councilors

Councilor Murphy stated he works for the Department of Corrections and it was decided a long time ago that if this matter ended up in court and he being an employee of the DOC it could have some effect on litigation and this is why he has chosen to sit out of all discussions and negotiations. The Town Attorney has also advised that he excuse himself from all discussions.

Councilor Caron stated he agrees with the statements made by Mr. Pike and after this matter is all set he would like to hold a meeting at one of the town's auditoriums to let the citizens of the town know what is going on, what they might get and the impact the proposed facility will have on them directly.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Murphy, seconded by Councilor Hillman to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Discussion, none, voice vote, 7-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by
Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville